BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 21, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Jay Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone, Robin LaBuwi and Stacia Sloan. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel
4.2 Collective Negotiation Matters
4.3 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel; Collective Negotiation Matters; and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:33 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:05 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; Aaron Robinson, Wrestling Coach; Mason Tieffel, student; and parents.

5. RECOGNITION OF VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND WRESTLER, MASON TIEFFEL

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2024
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2024
6.2 Approve Financial Report (February 2024)
6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (February 2024)
6.4 Approve Annual IHSA Membership (ENCL A)
6.5 Approve Pitney Bowes Postage Lease Agreement (ENCL B)
6.6 Approve Rock Band Field Trip to STL, Greta Van Fleet Concert April 27, 2024
6.7 Review/Approve 2023-24 Amended School Calendar

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of ENCL B and the amended calendar have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Financial Update
- PA System Upgrade in Rich Herrin Gym
- Project Update
- Petition for Annexation received
- BIT Financial Report
- Girls Flag Football – survey results

Mr. Docherty & Mr. Miller provided written reports.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the activity account expenditures as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Employment of Personnel

10.2 Assignment of Personnel Stacia Sloan made a motion to accept the resignation from Tim McMeen as teacher effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Ralph Hamilton as a volunteer assistant bass fishing coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Makaela Hampton, Erin McCommons and Chason Dunford as substitute nurses pending completion of a criminal background check and EHR. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Asher Wyant and Jacob Kinsman as volunteer assistant baseball coaches for the 2023-24 school year pending completion of a criminal background check and EHR. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to assign Nathan Genisio as a volunteer assistant track coach for the 2023-24 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Stacia Sloan made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of special education teacher as available for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Approve District Extracurricular Dead Week, June 20 2024 – July 7, 2024 Jay Copple made a motion to approve the district extracurricular dead week as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried

10.5 Review/Approve Student Graduation Proposal Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the student graduation proposal as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Stacia Sloan acknowledged the work of Lori Cravens, Ryan Miller, and Shane Garner during the basketball team's run to state, specifically the handling of ticket sales/distribution.
- Mark Minor questioned the number of incoming freshmen for next year.

12. ADJOURNMENT Robin LaBuwi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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BOARD PRESIDENT **BOARD SECRETARY**